

Connecticut Health Insurance Exchange



WEEKLY UPDATE

March 2, 2012

News on the Administrative Structure Front



In the last few weeks, the Exchange has made great strides in becoming a fully functional, stand-alone, quasi-public agency. Much thanks is given to OPM for their support in helping us separate from them—we're almost there!

It is the objective of the "Finance Department" to implement, test and turn on our accounting and payrolls systems (and policies) within the next several weeks. With these systems in place the Exchange will soon be able to enter into its own contracts, directly hire and pay staff, as well as, administer federal grant funds.

The Exchange has retained Willis of Connecticut, LLC to secure all necessary lines of Property and Casualty Insurance and Paychex has been selected for our payroll system. More to announce shortly.

Level-One Extension Update

The Exchange is working towards the **March 30th** deadline for a second Level One Grant Application. This application will cover interim planning tasks until Level Two funds are secured.

Advisory Committees Kick-off Meeting Set!

The Co-Chairs have been sent nomination packets that include all the pertinent information and will be assembling their committees over the next week or so. The kick off meeting for all of the Committees will be held on Tuesday, March 20th at 1:00-4:00 pm. The location and details will be announced next week.

The objective for this kick-off meeting is to meet fellow committee members, discuss priority tasks necessary for State Certification, set communication strategy and ask questions of the Exchange staff. The Co-Chairs for the four Advisory Committees are:

Consumer Experience and Outreach

Board Member Vicki Veltri
Stakeholder Co-Chair TBA

Small Business Health Options Program

Board Member Grant Ritter
Pamela Russek—PCR Consulting

Brokers, Agents and Navigators

Board Member Mickey Herbert
Mark Czarnecki—Douglas Financial Services

Health Plan Benefits and Qualifications

Board Member Jeannette DeJesus
Mark Espinosa—United Food and Commercial Workers, Local 919

Noteworthy

- ◆ Next Board Meeting March 15, 9a.m.
- ◆ "Vendor Fair" planning in progress
- ◆ Health plan meetings have been confirmed for mid-March
- ◆ CT invited to attend the first Exchange Executive Leadership Conference in April. Details to follow.

Exchanges in the News

[New York Times: Many States Take a Wait-and-See Approach on New Exchanges](#)

[Kaiser Health News Brief: Update on Exchanges](#)

[Health Affairs: Health Insurance Exchanges of Past and Present Offer Examples of Features That Could Attract Small Business Customers](#)

[Health Affairs: Massachusetts Health Reforms: Uninsurance Remains Low, Self-Reported Health Status Improves as State Prepares to Tackle Costs](#)

Staffing Update

- ◆ Fitzgerald Associates recruitment is continuing their efforts to identify experienced candidates for the Exchange with interviews starting next week
- ◆ The Exchange is happy to announce that Bette Jenak will be starting on a part time, interim basis to help us with HR functions and Administrative tasks on Monday, March 5th.
- ◆ Dave Smith, in-house consultant, is leaving for another engagement but the good news is.....is that Patrick Holland, former CFO for the Mass Connector is stepping in. We are very pleased and fortunate to have Patrick on our team to say the least.